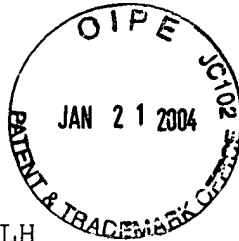


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Supplemental to the Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 filed on November 26, 2003, this paper is being filed to clarify the meaning of the statement at page 13, lines 4-6 of the Amendment that "Hence, in the laser microscope of Schoeppe et al, it takes too long to switch monitoring wavelength line by line or pixel by pixel with the filter wheel during the process of obtaining one image." This statement was intended to mean that in the laser microscope of Schoeppe et al, changing the filter wheel takes such a long time that wavelength monitoring in this way by the filter wheel is impossible in an order of microseconds or milliseconds. That is, the filter wheel method cannot follow the imaging process line by line or pixel by pixel. And for this

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reason, as well as the reasons set forth in detail in the Amendment filed November 26, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that Schoeppe et al does not disclose, teach or suggest simultaneously detecting and controlling the respective intensities of lines of different wavelengths (i.e. spectral lines) to be constant.

Consideration of the Amendment filed on November 26, 2003 in light of the above clarification is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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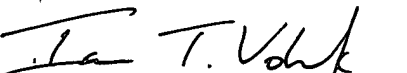
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